

him strip down to the shorts. He was locked in the leg irons and made to sit on the bed pallet. His hands were left free but they were useless now. The wrists, torn and bloody, looked as if though they had been almost served by the hell cuffs, and the discolored hands and fingers remained so swollen that he could not move them.

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Another page of torture. Another whole page of torture. Another whole page of torture. Now we are getting back to the Faker.

Fidel departed sometime in August. He was not seen back again. The Vietnamese had finally concluded that the Faker, Maj. Earl Cobiell, was not faking. Frequently they would deliver a few cookies to him. When the other prisoners would urge these extras upon him, he would sometimes accept them, only to fire back at his fellow prisoners who had proffered them. The Vietnamese seemed increasingly frightened over the man's condition. Lump kept asking the other Americans, "What do you want us to do? What is needed?"

Because the Cuban torture masters had gone on to glory at the U.N. and back to Fidel, the first-degree, murdering torture master, who was put in an NBC special in the middle of the Olympics.

What is the matter with you people at NBC? Why would you ruin every Cuban American's enjoyment of those wonderful games by putting this first-degree killer Castro in our face? Why would you glorify this raw evil? Because you know nothing about the history of your country.

I cannot even read this one, it is so bad.

One of the group, Navy Lt. Al Carpenter, captured November 1, 1966, not to be confused with Capt. Air Force Joe Carpenter who was released on August 2, 1968, along with Jim Low and Maj. Fred Neale Thompson. This Carpenter stayed to the bitter end. He would not take an early release.

"Release him," Carpenter suggested. They had a plan which another man who suffered savage medieval torture, Larry Guarino, another hero, another camp commander, an SRO, senior ranking officer. He went down to 90 pounds; an average weight of about 160. Said, "Release him. See that he gets back to the United States where he will receive proper medical treatment, care, psychiatric help. Do that and we'll see the story never gets out about what we saw happen to him here."

The plan was rejected. It seemed clear the man's captors did not want him on view to the world. The guard Lump kept badgering Bomar to write of the good treatment that Cobiell, and I am inserting his name in the Reader's Digest Book POW.

Bomar kept producing such unsatisfactory statements as "He received two oranges after they stopped beating him with a fanbelt"; or "He was allowed a cookie after they stopped beating him

and hitting him for hours"; or "Since the beating stopped he's been given a banana."

Dissension began to seethe within the Fidel group. Oh, I am sorry, Fidel is gone but not the others.

Some of the men, sick and weary themselves, reached the end of patience and their deranged compatriot. This is sad.

Tired of trying to cope with Major Cobiell, they urged Bomar to demand that he be taken back to the hospital. Bomar agreed that hospital care was in order. The man has now lost his senses, and he is fighting his friends trying to help him.

He thought it vital that the group retain physical possession of the man. Bomar felt certain that if the man were removed from the company of other Americans, he would never be seen again.

That, Mr. Speaker, is what happened, until his bones came back to Arlington or maybe to some local graveyard that has a marker, Maj. Earl Cobiell, U.S. Air Force, the year of his birth, the year of his death. I hope we gave him the Distinguished Flying Cross or something so it could be dug into the marble of his earthly reminder that he lived.

He thought it vital, Colonel Bomar, that the group keep the man. I repeat.

Still, for the sake of some of the others and their sanity, Bomar wanted him in another cell, preferably nearby, with some Americans who would look after him. Larry Spencer and Ed Hubbard volunteered for the job. Bomar, having divined that all good ideas must originate in his captors' heads, tried to implant this one in Lump's cranium. It didn't take. The disaster continued.

POW, Mr. Speaker. Every student of America who loves freedom of speech should read it. They paid for our speech with their blood.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today after 2 p.m., on account of being inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Mrs. MORELLA (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today after 2 p.m., on account of a death in the family.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today after 1:30 p.m., on account of personal business.

Mr. BISHOP (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WISE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LAFALCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FIELDS of Louisiana, for 60 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. CAMPBELL) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CAMPBELL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LONGLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. RIGGS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LONGLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon by the Speaker:

H.R. 3603. An act making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on this day present to the President, for his approval, a bill and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 3215. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to repeal the provision relating to Federal employees contracting or trading with Indians.

H.J. Res. 166. Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Mutual Aid Agreement between the city of Bristol, Virginia, and the city of Bristol, Tennessee.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 203, 104th Congress, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE). Pursuant to the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 203, 104th Congress, the House stands adjourned until noon on Wednesday, September 4, 1996.

Thereupon (at 7 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 203, the House adjourned until Wednesday, September 4, 1996, at 12 noon.